

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
April 4, 2011
ALTON TOWN HALL

Convene – Chairman Hussey convened the meeting at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. Selectmen in attendance included the following members and staff:

- David Hussey, Chairman
- R. Loring Carr, Vice Chairman
- Patricia Fuller, Selectman
- Stephan McMahon, Selectman
- Peter Bolster, Selectman
- E. Russell Bailey, Town Bailey

Approval of the Agenda – Amendments were made to the Agenda as follows: Eliminate Selectmen’s Committees Reports, and in New Business to add Item #4 – Fire Department and Item #5 – Bridge Aid Application. P. Fuller motioned to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – R. Bailey announce that the Town Hall evening hours would be the 1st and last Thursday of the month beginning April 7th. Also the Rabies Clinic will be held at the Fire Station on April 30th. P. Bolster stated that the Senior Center Expansion meeting will be held at the Town Hall on April 9th. D. Hussey noted that he and Attorney Hoover would be in discussion concerning Town ownership of the Monument Square.

Appointment – The Board met with Tammy Croft from the Local Government Center who explained the services provided to municipalities by the LGC. The Selectmen requested if their LGC workshop schedules could be held on Saturdays. T. Croft left information for the Board’s review. And will bring the workshop suggestion back to the LGC.

P. Bolster explained that there is a bill in the House to amend the current speed limit on Lake Winnepesaukee, and that most of this controversial zone is within the boundaries of Alton. This matter would be an issue for the townspeople to contact the legislators.

Town Administrator Verbal Report and Updates – R. Bailey noted that the previous bidder on used vehicles had failed to make payment or pick up the vehicles. The board granted approval for these items to go back out to bid. R. Bailey explained he had a request from an Alton Central School teacher to use the Town Seal for a historical quest.(similar to letter-boxing) on a 5-6th grade project. The Board granted approval for use of the Town Seal.

Public Input I – Raymond Howard stated boat operators should have a personal choice as to speed limits and expressed his opinion on speeds on roads. Jeffrey Clay asked if the Board had looked at past sealed minutes and about unsealing non-public session minutes.. He asked about the Dahle Land Purchase, P. Fuller advised that purchase would come out of surplus funds in the amount of \$397,500.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

A motion was made and seconded and passed with all in favor to approve minutes as follows:

March 24, 2011, Public Session I

March 17th, 2011, Public Workshop Session I and II and Sealed Non-Public Session Minutes

March 7, 2011, Public Session I and II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session Minutes(*Note:S. McMahon being absent from the meeting, abstained from a vote on these minutes*)

March 4, 2011, Public Workshop Session I & II and (Sealed Non-Public Session

February 4, 2011, Public Session I and II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session

A motion was made and seconded and passed with all in favor, to unseal and release information from the Non-Public Session Minutes as follows:

March 17th, 2011 – Items 2,3,& 4

March 4, 2011 – Item 2

February 4, 2011, Item 2

Old Business

- 1) TAC(Transportation Advisory Committee)Appointment – The Board voted unanimously to appoint Kenneth McWilliams as the representative to TAC at the Lakes Region Planning Commission with John Dever as the Alternate.

- 2) Building Improvement Status – R. Bailey advised that J. Dever has scheduled a meeting with a State representative from ADA with regards to the Town Hall entrance way and the Senior Center, and West Side restrooms. He should have a draft report ready at a future meeting. R. Bailey presented samples of siding for the West Side restroom to the Board, recommending a vinyl siding. And he continued that Senior Center would have a new entrance, new wiring, and a generator installed, etc. Also it was noted the Fundraising Committee will be contacting contractors, and once a decision is made, certified tradesmen are willing to volunteer their services. R. Bailey advised he had also met with the Fire Chief to discuss ventilation issues with Central and West Side Fire Stations and Highway.

David Hussey requested a log or data report that shows how many times a unit is dispatched from West Alton Fire Station and how much usage there has been. R. Bailey will check into this.

New Business

- 1) ComStar Agreement - R. Bailey this company does the billing and collections for the ambulance calls to the Fire Station.. They need to update Medicare bills and require approval from the Town. He asked for authorization to sign the documents as submitted. S. McMahon motioned for R. Bailey and D. Hussey to sign the documents, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
- 2) Grants – Police Department – R. Bailey explained these are two newer grants in addition to others previously received for safe driving and DWI. The Board voted unanimously that the Chairman and Town Administrator sign the appropriate documents and to authorize the process. Chairman Hussey asked about overtime hours and requested a datasheet showing the difference between summer and winter overtime differences, specifically from April – October and November – March. Also the request included use of cruisers. R. Bailey will follow-up on this matter and report back to the Board.
- 3) Vote on the Recommendations of Land Use Items as submitted by the Town Assessor - L. Carr read the recommendations as submitted for abatements, timber warrant, land use change and intent to excavate and motioned to sign appropriately, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
- 4) Safety Gear – Fire Department FEMA Grant – R. Bailey advised Chief Williams is working on the specifications for this grant and once this is ready it will come before the Board before being advertised for bid for equipment too be used for gear, tanks, masks etc., totaling a grant of \$46,267.
- 5) Reed Road Bridge – R. Bailey advised the State has this bridge on a list for repairs, that the Town needs to be on the list even though the project not scheduled for approximately 9 years, costs are estimated at \$600,000. The Town share would be 20% or \$120,000. The State needs a commitment that the Town will have the funds, in the event the project may get moved up on the list. R. Bailey asked for approval to apply to be on the list for Bridge Aid Construction, P. Bolster moved to grant this approval, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Peter Bolster noted a news article about the proposed bill for repeal of the car registration surcharge. He stated the project in Alton on Route 28 could be moved back if this bill passes and the Town would see a reduction in revenue from the State normally used towards construction projects.

Public Input II – R. Howard questioned why the Police needs another safety grant. He noted he rarely sees a cruiser on his road. He was advised this is about commuters driving to and from work. Barbara Howard expressed her concerns about drivers she has observed who are oblivious to driving safely. And people ignore the laws. She stated the police need to enforce the current laws, there is no need for special grants. Patrolling is already in their job description.

Non-Public Session - Vote to Enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A,3,II (a) (c) and (e) - At 7:00pm, Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into Non_Public Session, the motion was seconded and the chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood
Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 18, 2011